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COMMUNITY STABILIZATION ACTIVITY (CSA) (COLOMBIA)

OVERVIEW

The Community Stabilization Activity (CSA) provides technical assistance to the Colombian Government to address increasing migration from Venezuela. The sudden influx of Venezuelan migrants to Colombia has placed pressure on public systems, like health and education, especially in regions near the border with Venezuela where institutional capacities are limited. Recognizing these challenges, CSA is helping receptor communities integrate migrant populations, and is working with the Colombian Government to develop and implement a comprehensive mass migration public policy. In 2021, the Colombian Government established a Temporary Protected Status (ETPV for its name in Spanish) that enables the legal regularization of 1.8 million Venezuelan migrants through the expedition of Temporary Protection Permits (PPT). PPTs provide registered migrants with access to public services, and it allows migrants to work legally in Colombia. CSA is being implemented in 15 departments and it runs from 2018 to 2023.

GOALS

DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE STRATEGY

CSA strengthens local and national government capacities to review individuals' migratory status in Colombia, and to provide Colombian documentation, like local IDs, to Venezuelan migrants. CSA also supports governmental efforts to develop and implement mass migration public policies and mechanisms, including *Integrate* Centers that act as one-stop shops for migrants to access public services.

PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

CSA encourages community, public, and private sector actors to work together to identify social, economic, and cultural inclusion opportunities for migrants. CSA also developed communication campaigns against xenophobia, discrimination, and exploitation in receptor communities. This component concluded in 2021.

IMPROVE MIGRANT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

CSA facilitates migrant and host communities' access to basic health services by organizing mobile health brigades, developing healthcare events, and working with public hospitals and clinics to improve care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CSA improved individuals' access to care through virtual medical consultations and direct assistance to homes when needed. This component concluded in 2021.

SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

CSA supported migrant socio-economic inclusion through community-based organizations, including civil society organizations, foundations, religious communities, public and private universities, and more. This component ended in 2022.

RESULTS

- Deployed 153 registration points, or *Puntos Visibles*, throughout the country;
- Provided biometric equipment and 501 tablets to Migración Colombia for ETPV implementation;
- Provided essential services to 25,086 beneficiaries through nine *Puntos Visibles* in eight *Integrate* centers;
- Organized 1,191 workshops to promote health and illness prevention in communities impacted by migration;
- Engaged 1,167 Venezuelan migrants, Colombian returnees, and host community members in the job skills training;
- Worked with Colombian Attorney General's Office to design and implement the Local Migration Policy Monitoring Tool; and
- Strengthened 575 community leaders' capacities to provide health care, prevent illnesses, and supervise community public health.